THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) and (b) The Board of Indian Airlines in its 65th meeting held on 27.3.2003 approved the formation of Indian Airlines Airport Services Ltd., a subsidiary Company of Indian Airlines, to carry out handling services at airports.

Management of Airports

1397. DR. VIJAY MALLYA:
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any modernization plans have been envisaged to make airports world class in view of the unsatisfactory state of affairs in the management of the airports in the country;

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard so far;

(c) which airports are being taken up for modernization and whether Bangalore Airport is also one of them;

(d) how the proposed modernization is going to be financed;

(e) whether private sector is being invited to participate in the venture; and

(f) what is the estimated expenditure involved and how long it would take to complete the projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) The proposal of restructuring of airports at New Delhi and Mumbai of Airports Authority of India (AAI) through Joint Venture (JV) route was approved to upgrade them to world class international airports.

(b) An Empowered Group of Ministers (EGOM) has been constituted to decide detailed modalities for projects of Delhi and Mumbai airports. Tenders have been floated for appointment of Financial Consultant.

(c) Delhi and Mumbai have been taken up for re-structuring. A greenfield international airport at Devenahalli in Bangalore has also been approved.

(d) The proposed modernisation will be undertaken by separate Joint Venture Companies to be formed with 74% private sector participation.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) The estimated expenditure can be determined only after approved of mandated facilities, their technical parameter and concession agreement etc. The time required for the projects will depend on the exact nature and magnitude of the projects to be undertaken.

Display of advertisments on Aircrafts

†1398. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the special permission for displaying the advertisements on the body of the plane has been given by his Ministry to Deccan Airlines;

(b) if so, on what conditions;

(c) whether his Ministry is going to give the permission of displaying advertisements to more private or public sectors airlines; and

(d) if so, the names of such companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) and (b) Air Deccan was permitted to display commercial advertisement in terms of logo on the exterior surface of their aircraft fuselage subject to requisite safety conditions.

(c) and (d) Action is at hand to formulate a policy to deal with all such requests keeping in view the safety requirement and the Government policy on advertisements.

Opening of military Air Space for civilian traffic

1399. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have planned to selectively open up air space reserved for IAF for use by civil flights;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.